



# Howard County Council

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**Monthly Meeting**  
Howard County Council  
November 14, 2016  
Banneker Room  
8:30 a.m.

## **Minutes (Approved)**

The Chairperson opened the meeting at 8:39 a.m.

Members Present: Calvin Ball, Chairperson; Jon Weinstein, Vice Chairperson; Greg Fox; Mary Kay Sigaty; Jennifer Terrasa

Staff Present: Jessica Feldmark, Administrator; Craig Glendenning, County Auditor; Gary Kuc, County Solicitor

Dr. Ball read a statement from the County Council on post-election behavior in the community.

Courthouse Update – Diane Wilson, Daryl Paunil, Holly Sun, and Nikki Griffith presented an overview of the plans for a new courthouse built through a public private partnership (P3) and answered questions from the Council. Judge Gelfman discussed the urgency of need for a new courthouse.

Council Members requested the following additional information:

- Additional information on projected savings in preventive maintenance and operating costs
- Updated timeline
- More detail on hybrid plan, broken down by who is responsible for doing what pieces
- Possibility of spreading bond capacity impact across multiple years and how that could impact total cost
- Comparative cost projections with and without operating and maintenance contract
- What benefits could be incorporated into the County's standard contracting process – how can we build in incentives and disincentives

- Detail regarding expectations of disposal of current property and what value it is expected to generate to help offset this expense
- Analysis of alternative sites with respect to potential economic impact
- More detailed plans for potential mixed-use development
- Examples of projects using the hybrid model in other jurisdictions
- Further research and clarification on whether a hybrid approach would be viable given the size of the project
- A detailed listing of what offices would be included in the courthouse space

Report from Commercial Stormwater Solutions Work Group – Mark Southerland, Cole Schnorf, Carl Nelson, and Jim Caldwell discussed the work group’s recommendations and answered questions from the Council.

Council Members requested the following additional information:

- Access to the documents the work group reviewed in researching practices from other jurisdictions
- Timeline and next steps regarding implementation of the recommendations, including cost estimates, in advance of budget submission

Report from Environmental Sustainability Board on Mold in Howard County Public Schools – Ned Tilman, Mark Southerland, and Chris Tsien provided an overview of their report and answered questions from the Council.

Council Members requested the following additional information:

- Copies of all documents reviewed by ESB
- Council to submit a direct request to the school system for additional information on how issues in need of abatement are identified, abatement work completed, and how the effectiveness of abatement is assessed after completion
- Relevant industry standards for building maintenance & operation

The meeting was adjourned at 10:38 a.m.